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PRESIDENT: That's a pretty...I suppose this is...Speaker Proud, do you want to help me out. This is a...that'd be a controversial item this morning. We only have, I think, 30 votes here.

SENATOR PROUD: I don't think it's controversial at all. Mr. President, and I think that the Lt. Governor should be instructed to, forthwith, soundly reject the principal enunciated in that letter and write...what state was this?

CLERK. Rhode Island.

SENATOR PROUD: ...and write whoever wrote the letter that we soundly reject the philosophy expressed therein and on the contrary, we urge people throughout the United States to eat more meat.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Stahmer had asked to be recognized. Senator Stahmer, then we will get to Senator Keyes.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I think Senator Carpenter motion is very charitable, to say the least. I think if the people in Rhode Island were to visit other countries and find out that it takes twice as many working hours for a working man to buy a piece of meat, a potatoe, or anything else, they would be very thankful and appreciative to be in this country. I don't think they know what the facts of life are in Rhode Island.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think you should spell meat. Is that "meet" or "meat". Maybe, they don't like what we voted on ERA and they don't want us to meet only once a week.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, now my vote in favor of the attitude or the concept of that statement would not be enough to make it controversial because I know I'd be the only vote out of sympathy with what the rest of the Legislature is doing, but I happen to represent an area and people outside of an area who have more than one meatless day all of the time. So, perhaps, this can bring into focus the rising cost of food which is not met by a rising... by an increase in wages or the ability to purchase food and this ties in with the bill that was killed yesterday, LB 185, which would give people more money to buy things like food which is essential. Not only should there be one meatless day, there should be two or three or four or whatever it takes to bring the price of the retail food down or to cause the farmers and the meat growers who don't get as big a cut out of that dollar, that ultimate dollar they think they should have, to get together and apply the heat where it belongs. But something must be done about the cost of food, especially meat, and if a meatless day a week will bring down the price of meat in the store, I am for it. What it takes to get the growers more money for their product, I don't know, but those who grow can work out that strategy. I'm in sympathy with Rhode Island.

PRESIDENT: Well, the chair would observe that according to the information that I have there, Rhode Island has already sort of been notified, at least advised, that it's pretty doubtful that Nebraska will concur in the Resolution, but the chair is just here to handle whatever you want. Senator Carpenter, go ahead sir.